

WO-251
Old Staton, Whaley, and Price Law Office
Snow Hill
private

c. 1900

The old Staton, Whaley, and Price law office is the only extant attorney's office erected as such that remains in the center of Snow Hill. The single-story, hip roofed building was designed with a four-bay principal facade that included two separate entrances that opened into individual offices. Built around 1900, the exterior the exterior of the stretcher bond brick structure has not changed significantly and contributes to the turn of the century character of Pearl Street. The hip roof is an interesting contrast as well to the flat roofed buildings to each side.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: STATON, WHALEY, AND PRICE LAW OFFICE
MHT Inventory Number: W0-251

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Economic, Law

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1870-1930 INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. LAW OFFICE

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-251

Magi No. 2402515611

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic STATON, WHALEY, AND PRICE LAW OFFICE

and/or common COATES, COATES, COATES LAW OFFICE

2. Location

street & number Pearl Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Snow Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The old Staton, Whaley, and Price law office, currently housing the firm of Coates, Coates, and Coates, stands at 110-112 Pearl Street in the heart of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story, four-bay brick building faces southwest.

Built around the turn of the twentieth century, the single-story, stretcher bond brick law office is covered by steeply pitched, asphalt shingle hip roof.

The southwest (main) facade is an asymmetrical four-bay elevation of alternating doors and windows. The northernmost bay is filled with a five-panel door that features a single-pane transom, a segmental brick arch, and a marble sill. The second bay from the north is marked by a large round arched window opening filled with a pair of single-pane sash windows. The upper part of the opening is distinguished by an arched window with radiating muntins, and the round curve to the window opening is accented with a raised brick course. The third bay from the north is filled by another five-panel door, and the fourth bay is defined by an identical rounded arch window. Fixed beneath each window is a small segmental arch cellar opening, and stretching across at the base of the roof is a dentiled cornice.

The sides of the law office are covered by adjacent buildings, and the interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The old Staton, Whaley, and Price law office is the only surviving attorney's office erected for that purpose that survives in the center of Snow Hill. The single-story, four-bay structure allowed for two individual offices with separate doors and large arched windows. Built around the turn of the twentieth century, the exterior of the hip roofed structure has not changed significantly with original door and window openings filled with period doors and windows sash. Each opening is accented with raised brick courses. A dentiled cornice finishes the eave.

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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name/title	Paul Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Worcester County	date	7/11/88
street & number	Worcester County Courthouse	telephone	301-632-1194
city or town	Snow Hill	state	MD 21863

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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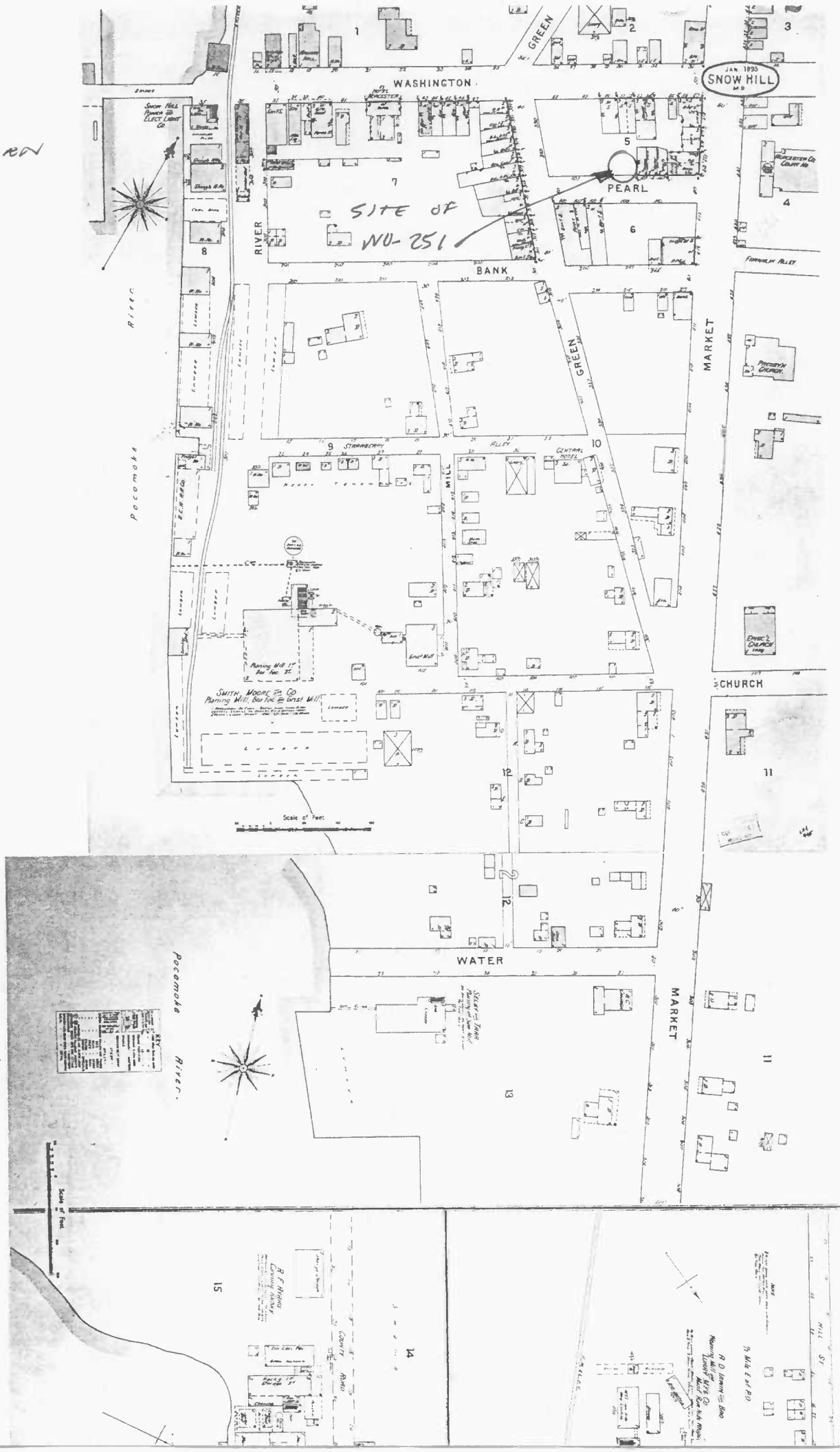


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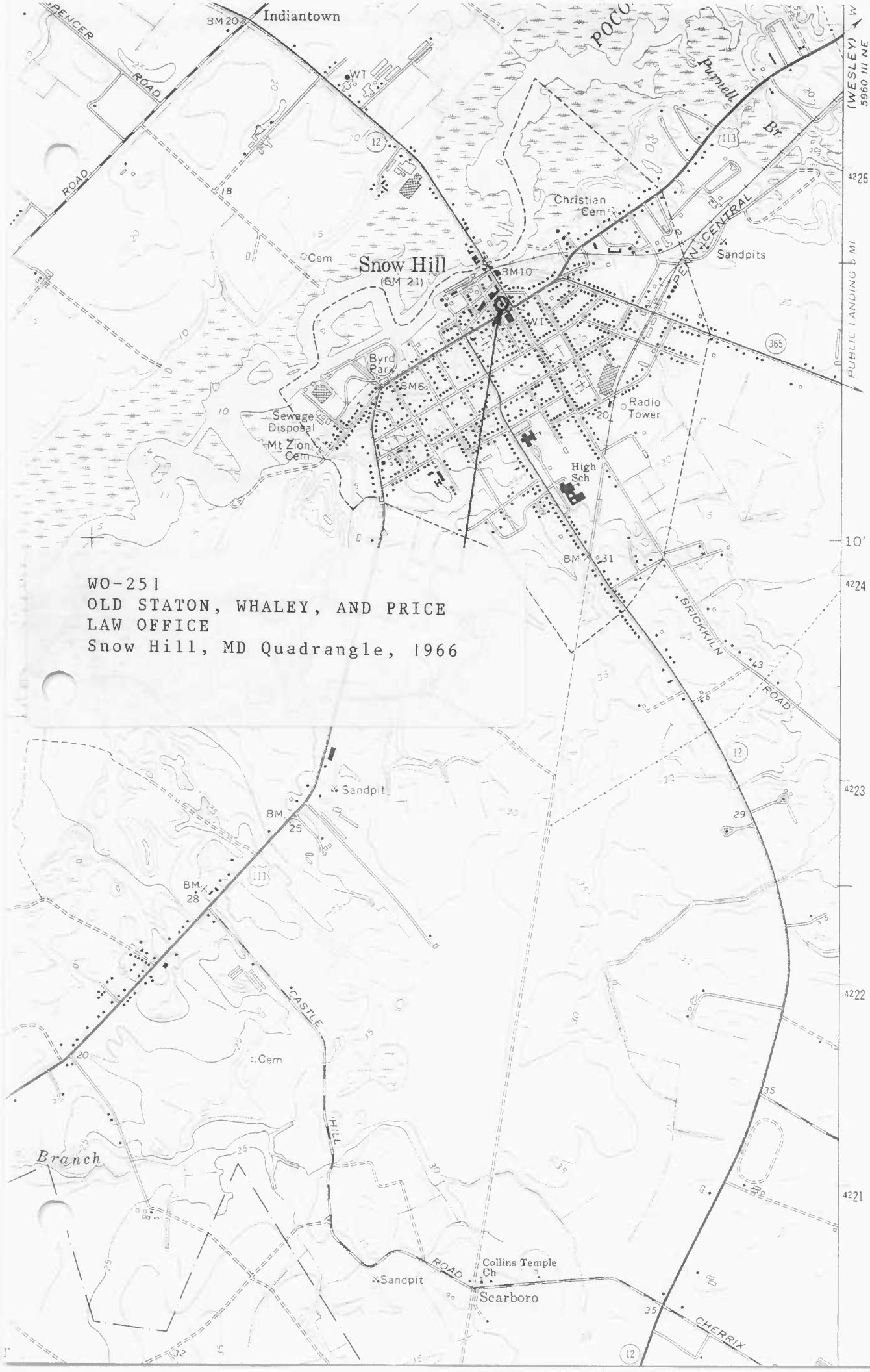
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STEVENSON ALEX

WORCESTER CO.

1895 SANBORN
INSURANCE
MAP



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LAW OFFICE
Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle, 1966